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TAGS: MPOL, SF, WA, AO

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA ATTACK ON SWAPO IN ANGOLA

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK IN ANGOLA. MOOSE STATED THAT
THE USG WAS QUOTE DISMAYED UNQUOTE BY THE SAG'S ACTION,
NOTING THAT IT WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT
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TIVE RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE HAVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH ON NAMIBIA. MOOSE ASKED SOLE FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATION.

2. SOLE PRIVATELY PROFESSED HIMSELF TO BE QUOTE MYSTIFIED UNQUOTE. HE HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT BUT UNDERTOOK TO REPORT OUR REACTION IMMEDIATELY AND TO REQUEST A REPLY TO OUR REQUEST ON AN URGENT BASIS.

3. FOR MAPUTO, LUSAKA, DAR, GABORONE, LAGOS: YOU SHOULD

URGENTLY CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND REPORT TO THEM ON FOREGOING DEMARCHE TO AMBASSADOR SOLE, EXCLUDING, SOLE'S PRIVATE REACTION. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE TAKE MOST GRAVELY THIS ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF NAMIBIA SOLUTION AND STABILITY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE WILL BE CONSIDERING WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS AND WE WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOUR GOVERNMENTS URGENTLY.

4. FOR OTTAWA, BONN, LONDON AND PARIS: YOU SHOULD REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL THE REPRESENTATIONS DESCRIBED IN FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS
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5. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEING RELEASED TONIGHT (THURSDAY) BY DEPARTMENT:

QUOTE: WE LEARNED LATE THIS AFTERNOON FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES HAD CROSSED THE FRONTIER FROM NAMIBIA TO ANGOLA AND HAD STRUCK AGAINST SWAPO CAMPS IN ANGOLA. THESE REPORTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON THE OPERATION. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR DISMAY TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND OUR GRAVE CONCERN AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR ACTION. WE ASKED FOR AN URGENT EXPLANATION. END QUOTE.

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